



# UTAH STATE LEGISLATURE

## RETIREMENT AND INDEPENDENT ENTITIES INTERIM COMMITTEE

Utah State Senate  
Utah House of Representatives

November 16, 2020

Speaker Brad R. Wilson, Chair  
President J. Stuart Adams, Vice Chair  
Legislative Management Committee  
State Capitol Complex  
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard, Chair  
Rep. James A. Dunnigan, Chair  
Legislative Process Committee  
State Capitol Complex  
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

RE: Reorganizing the Committees on Retirement and Independent Entities

Dear Speaker Wilson, President Adams, Sen. Hillyard, and Rep. Dunnigan,

In response to an assigned study item, the Retirement and Independent (RIE) Interim Committee, during the 2020 interim period, studied the history of RIE committees and discussed reorganizing the current RIE committees. Our committee affirmed the need to convene dedicated and specialized RIE committees to review important RIE issues but also expressed frustration with scheduling challenges that the RIE standing and appropriations committees face during General Sessions. Every year, the irregular schedule for RIE standing and appropriations committees complicates our efforts to identify suitable meeting times, to receive an adequate number of bills for consideration, and to reach a necessary quorum.

To resolve these scheduling challenges, the RIE Interim Committee has voted to request that the Legislative Management Committee and the Legislative Process Committee implement a plan for reorganizing the RIE committees. The plan entails:

- Dissolving the RIE Appropriations Subcommittee and moving existing RIE appropriations to another subcommittee;
- Integrating the House and Senate RIE standing committees into the regular meeting schedule for General Session; and,
- Retaining the RIE Interim Committee as it currently functions.

In conjunction with this request, the RIE Interim Committee has also voted to favorably recommend a joint rules resolution that repeals the RIE Appropriations Subcommittee.

This plan does not detail which appropriations subcommittee should cover RIE issues or how to modify the General Session meeting schedule. Rather, the RIE Interim Committee defers to the Legislative Management Committee and the Legislative Process Committee, with support from legislative staff, to determine the scheduling and appropriations changes required to implement this plan. We, as chairs of the RIE committees, would be pleased to provide input

into this process. We also request that any changes to the RIE committee organization ensure that dedicated and specialized committees continue to oversee RIE issues. We trust that the resolution and requested actions should resolve scheduling challenges and allow the RIE committees to continue their critical legislative functions.

Thank you for considering our committee's request. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either of us.

Sincerely,

Sen. Wayne A. Harper  
Senate Co-Chair  
RIE Interim Committee

Rep. Craig Hall  
House Co-Chair  
RIE Interim Committee

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